Black Chicago (Civil Rights, Great Migration, Politics, Social Conditions)  
Comprehensive Exam Bibliography


Civil Rights
(Overview, Leadership, Relationship to National Politics, and Structure)

Comprehensive Exam Bibliography


The civil rights movement was a struggle for social justice that took place mainly during the 1950s and 1960s for blacks to gain equal rights under the law in the United States. The Civil War had officially abolished slavery, but it didn’t end discrimination against blacks—they continued to endure the devastating effects of racism, especially in the South. Time In Chicago, Great Society, L King, Retro Pictures, Soldier Field, Chicago Photos, Civil Rights Movement, The Rev, Martin Luther King. By July, the Chicago Freedom Movement had determined its main goals. It created a list of “fourteen basic goals aimed at making Chicago a racially open city.” Movement leaders scheduled a huge rally and march to City Hall on July 10, 1966. Over 30,000 attended the rally in Soldier Field on that 98 degree day. Photograph by John Tweedle, courtesy of Dianne Tweedle. Peter Paul And Mary Mahalia Jackson Chicago Things To Do Soldier Field Chicago Area The Chicago Black Renaissance literary movement emerged from broad social and cultural changes that accompanied the unprecedented expansion of the African-American community on Chicago’s South Side, beginning with the Great Migration of 1916-1918 and continuing with successive migrations throughout the 1950s that brought blacks from the Deep South to the urban North. The inception of the Chicago Black Renaissance literary movement coincides with the onset of the Great Depression of 1929 and the resulting collapse of the ‘Black Metropolis,’ the center of the city’s African-American political, s...